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WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

Walking along King street at noon to-day the editor of this paper was accosted by a stranger who, pointing towards a number of well-dressed, decent looking men, evidently in charge of two police officers, asked what they had done.

The stranger was rather surprised when told that the men being marched down town did not belong to any chain gang, and were not even political prisoners, but that they were highly respectable citizens acting as jurors, and now being marched under police surveillance to luncheon.

We can fully realize the surprise of the "blooming foreigner" unacquainted with our beautiful jury system. The inconsistency of the system is astonishing. A man is, according to our constitution, entitled to be tried for any crime or offense by twelve of his peers. The attorneys for the prosecution and for the defense have remedies through which they can challenge jurors and make any amount of objections to the presence of individuals in the jury box. When the remedies and objections are exhausted it is generally understood that a fair, honest and reliable jury, has been obtained. A jury in fact in which the people, the defendant and judge can have the utmost confidence.

Nevertheless when a case is partly presented and not finished the jurors are not allowed to go to their respective homes and take their meals. If allowed to do so the authorities evidently think that some of them may be tampered with and justice defeated. They are therefore given into the hands of the police; paraded through the streets and fed at the expense of the taxpayers. We think the method extremely stupid and a direct insult to the citizens who sacrifice their time and business in serving the government.

If the government has sufficient confidence in a jury to allow them to decide the fate and liberty of a man why has it not sufficient confidence in them to trust that they can eat luncheon without being tampered with or influenced? If jurors can go home at night, associate with friends and relations and return to the jury box the following day to hear the continuance of a case, why can they not be trusted during one short hour at noon, in which they can eat their lunch. There is something very absurd and very undignified in the present system. If jurors cannot be trusted but must be placed in the hands of the police for safe keeping, let us

abandon the jury system. If the men who are selected to serve as jurors are deemed honest upright and just citizens, abandon the objectionable method of the day, and leave it to their honor, not to policemen to guard them against indiscretion and temptation.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A writer for a newspaper in Paris is quoted as saying, under date of Nov. 2d, of the French legislature: "The present Legislature is a disgrace to France and to civilization." While a monarchist correspondent, for a New York paper, says of Brazil: "The present government cannot stand six months." And this "funny little republic" of Hawaii has an empty treasury and is propped up by arms against whom? Those of their own household?

One of the excellent features of social life in Honolulu is the unusual cordial feeling existing between employer and employee. A notable instance of this was shown yesterday in the cordial welcome home to Mr. Young, manager of the Honolulu Iron Works. The largest aggregation of mechanic labor in Honolulu is there. One and all assembled to greet the boss on his arrival from his trip to Scotland, as one and all had assembled to wish godspeed on his departure last year. Such spontaneous evidences of reciprocal trust and admiration between employer and employee make bright oases in the almost continual bitterness otherwise displayed between political opponents. If there were more of it we might be able to drop faction.

With an expression from the representative men of this city, with a resolution from the American League and with a well defined sentiment of the Press representing the general public, in favor of executive clemency towards the political prisoners, we cannot believe that President Dole and his advisors will hesitate in liberating these unfortunate and sufficiently punished men. Let Thanksgiving Day be the occasion for opening the doors to their cells. Let them on that day be restored to their families and homes, of which—alas—so many have met destitution if not total ruin, through the misguided so-called patriotism of a few men unfitted and incapable of carrying out the wild dreams of ambition and self-aggrandizement which until then hovered over their couches. The general amnesty which we trust will be extended to all political prisoners next week, will prove the main lever in the furtherance of the objects and policy of the Government. When every political prisoner is outside of Oahu jail, the people will be ready to listen to arguments and to consider the all-important question of annexation.

There is nothing sure in this world but death and taxes says an old proverb. Yet in this country the latter does not seem so sure. It is said that the large property holders escape their fair share of taxation by undervaluation and that the small proprietor is taxed on his full value or even over it. It is even hinted at in the Advertiser that some properties escape taxation altogether. Yet in face of these facts it is calmly proposed to raise the rate of taxation. If the exemption limit was not so low as it is and were our taxes based on annual value instead of capital value as at present and were not the personal taxes so heavy, and the indirect taxation through the Custom house, etc. so great the scheme might be proper. But if it is carried out it will only fall heavily on the poor who can hardly bear their burdens now. Let some other mode of raising revenue be found. Suppose one per cent. special tax be assessed on those \$30,000,000 of American property which was paraded so often and so long, but which somehow seems to mainly escape the tax

collector's eye and hands. It was to protect that property from ruin that the present extra expenses were incurred. Or perhaps it would be better to cut off those extra expenses and economize. A conversion of our public debt of nearly \$4,000,000 to a rate of interest at say 4 per cent. would save us nearly \$60,000 a year alone. Double that amount can be saved on the military and many other ways suggest themselves.

Interesting Foreign News.

The civilization of the New Hebrides is progressing. A weekly paper called the Courier is now being published in the islands.

The first Austrian lady doctor, Fraulein Georgina Roth, has been installed as chief of the medical staff in the Military Orphanage at the Western Vienna suburb of Hernals.

The whisky trade in Scotland is in prosperous state. During the last financial year 22,500,000 gallons were manufactured—an increase on the previous year of 3,250,000 gallons.

At Queen Victoria's table an odd custom which originated in the time of George II., is preserved. As each dish is placed upon the table the name of the cook who prepared it is announced.

A clerk in a Vienna bank inhaled microbes from bank-notes, and thus contracted a fatal attack of tuberculosis. It was his habit, while counting his money, to moisten his fingers with his lips.

The duty on gin in Africa is only about 1s a gallon. Apart from the duty it is asserted that much of this spirit is worth but 4½d. per quart. In Lagos alone the natives drank no less than 812,000 gallons of this in 1893.

All the flags for British ships of war, except the royal standards, are made in the dockyards, and the enormous number required may be judged from the fact that in the colour loft at Chatham alone about 18,000 flags are made in a year.

The inconceivable quickness with which a photograph is taken by the flash light is illustrated by the fact that Lord Rayleigh has succeeded in photographing the dissolution of a soap bubble, a process which occupies between the 200th and 300th part of a second.

A factory in Anniston, Alabama, has received the contract for equipping the city of Tokio, Japan, with water pipes. Factories in England, Germany, Belgium, and other European countries competed in the bidding, but the Alabama contractors were successful.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION FIBRE COMPANY, Ltd, held at their Office this 22d day of November, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as Officers for the Company for the ensuing year:

E. C. Macfarlane.....President,
W. F. Allen.....Vice-President,
F. W. Macfarlane.....Manager,
F. W. Macfarlane.....Treasurer,
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W. W. DIMOND.

Attempt at Escape.

Deputy Jailer W. Kamana was taking Wong Look (the Chinaman who on the 10th inst. stabbed the Chinese boy Ah Yok to death) to court. Although the prisoner was firmly handcuffed and his hands strapped to his waist as they were passing along King street on reaching Konia street Wong Look bolted up the street, past the front of this office. He didn't run far, for an employee of the Makaaianana named David Mahaulu, who was passing, grabbed him by the queue and stopped his flight. As the prisoner was returned to the officer he said, I want make (die) make no.

Takes the Oath.

Mr. Charles Creighton called at Judiciary building this morning and took the oath to the republic. Mr. Creighton's certificate is No. 555 and we hope that he will find the "three of a kind" lucky. After an exile of several months on a flimsy suspicion of having been connected with the opera bouffe of January, 1893, Mr. Creighton returned yesterday, and as soon as located will open a law office. And as nearly all the "lawyers" in town are judges or holding other official positions the prosperous future of Mr. Creighton seems to be assured.

Health is Better Than Wealth!

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Oct. 25, 1895.

It has been demonstrated in a most serious manner during the late epidemic of what vital importance pure water is to all human beings. While our medical men have differed in opinion in regard to the nature and treatment of the epidemic which now fortunately is ended, there has only been one opinion in regard to the imperative necessity of having an ample supply of pure water for all purposes. In Honolulu the water supply is now plentiful both for drinking purposes and for irrigation. The same cannot be said for the country districts. In many places it is necessary for the inhabitants to carefully save rain-water in tanks especially where artesian wells are impossible.

It has been a great help to people living in the country that we have introduced the celebrated Aermotor in these islands. Many people have availed themselves of the golden opportunity to purchase one of our galvanized Aermotors, and they have in all instances expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the bargain.

The Aermotor is especially appreciated because it runs in the lightest wind. Being geared back three to one, it starts with only a third of the load that the ordinary mill has to contend with. This enables it to start and run in a zephyr so light that all competitors stand idly by. Again, its lightweight and perfect bearing enable it to face up to and get the full benefit of the breeze. The wheel is so light and its efficiency so great that it is an absolute calm indeed which induces it to stand still.

The lightweight of the Aermotor is a strong point in its favor. The weight affects the cost of transportation; the ease of handling and erection; the facility of turning on the tower to face the wind for work; the regulation for safety in a high wind; the recovery of working position when danger is past; the sagging of the tower out of shape; the vibration and breaking of the tower in a storm and consequently the weight, strength and cost of a tower and foundations. The Aermotor only weighs about two-fifths as much as the other mills which do the same work. The great disparity in weight is in part made possible by the use of steel, malleable iron, and the very best materials throughout, and explains why so excellent a piece of work can be turned out at so low a price.

We invite farmers and others who have use for an Aermotor to call in at our stores, or write to us and we shall be pleased to give every further information necessary in regard to this invaluable farm implement.

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